

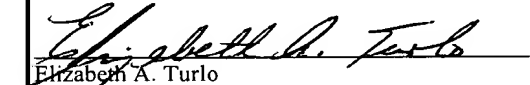
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Chethan Gorur, et al.
Serial No.: 09/978,277
Filing Date: October 15, 2001
Title: Customizable State Machine and State Aggregation Technique for Processing Collaborative and Transactional Business Objects

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Second Request for Status

Please advise as to the status of the above-identified patent application. Since Applicants filed a Request for Status mailed January 2, 2003, Applicants have filed a Transmittal of Formal Drawings on April 3, 2003. Applicants are requesting status of the formal drawings and again requesting status of the first Office Action.

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (214) 953-6812.

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